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SUBJECT: CHILEAN COUP - WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

1. FOLLOWING LETTER DATED SEPT 17, 1973 ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR,
PERM. MISSION USA GENEVA, RECEIVED SEPT 18:

"THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES HAS
ADDRESSED TODAY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO YOUR AMBASSADOR TO THE
UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK:

"DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF THE
COUP D'ETAT WHICH TOOK PLACE ON 11 SEPT IN CHILE, I URGE YOUR
EXCELLENCY TO USE THE OCCASION OF TODAY'S MEETING OF THE UN
SECURITY COUNCIL AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO YOU TO ENSURE
THAT THE CHILEAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES RESPECT FULLY THE TERMS
OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, PARTICULARLY
ARTICLES 3 AND 5-14; THE DECLARATION ON TERRITORIAL
ASYLUM, ESPECIALLY ARTICLES 2 AND 3; AND THE STANDARD
MINIMUM RULES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS. ALLEGATIONS HAVE
REACHED ME THAT MANY OF THESE PROVISIONS ARE BEING GROSSLY VIOLATED,
ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO THE LARGE COMMUNITY OF EXILES FROM OTHER
LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WHO HAVE TAKEN UP LEGAL RESIDENCE IN
CHILE. SHOULD THESE ALLEGATIONS BE PROVED, THEY WOULD REPRESENT
A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE PEACE, AND UNDER ARTICLE 39 OF THE UN
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CHARTER, SHOULD BE DEALT WITH BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL. RESPECTUFLY,

PHILIP A. POTTER, GENERAL SECRETARY, WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES -
GENEVA.'

"I AM PLEASED TO BRING THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION, AND THROUGH YOU
TO INFORM YOUR GOVERNMENT OF THIS ACTION. ACCEPT, YOUR EXCELLENCY,
THE ASSURANCE OF OUR HIGHEST CONSIDERATION." SIGNED, LEOPOLDO
J. NILUS, DIRECTOR, COMMISSION OF THE CHURCHES ON INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

2. MISSION DOES NOT INTEND TO ACKNOWLEDGE OR RESPOND TO FOREGOING
LETTER.BASSIN

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